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WASHINGTON, July 15, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 10 totaled an estimated 11.9 billion ton-miles, 24.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The 1982 week included the Independence Day Holiday. Both years included the second week of the coal miners' holiday, although fewer miners took the holiday last year because the lengthy United Mine Workers' strike had just ended.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 443.3 billion ton-miles, 9.8 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 10 totaled 272,286 cars, 29.9 percent below 1981, and 18.2 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 39.4 percent in the East, 33.7 percent in the South, and 21.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. All of the 21 groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 3 totaled 39,095 cars, up 16.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 67,388 trailers and/or containers, 13.7 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 964,628 cars, 8.6 percent higher than last year, and 1,710,217 trailers and/or containers, up 6.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/10/82:

	Loadings in Week ended July 10, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,034	I	5,904	29.3	D	1,370	5.0
Other farm products	3,811	I	117	3.2	D	237	5.9
Metallic ores	12,094	D	26,974	69.0	D	1,513	11.1
Coal	64,072	D	36,389	36.2	D	19,726	23.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,275	D	4,568	35.6	D	1,069	11.4
Nonmetallic minerals	8,144	D	6,892	45.8	D	37	0.5
Grain mill products	9,682	D	2,626	21.3	D	1,630	14.4
Food and kindred products	10,556	D	2,936	21.8	D	2,380	18.4
Primary forest products	10,948	D	5,757	34.5	D	1,848	14.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,080	D	2,103	34.0	D	2,193	35.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,417	D	3,609	22.5	D	3,429	21.6
Chemicals and allied products	17,209	D		8	D	3,552	17.1
Petroleum products	4,250	D	683	13.8	D	316	6.9
Stone, clay and glass products	8,362	D	5,451	39.5	D	1,436	14.7
Coke	4,214	D	2,568	37.9	D	229	5.2
Metals and products	6,947	D	6,714	49.1	D	2,046	22.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,303	D	790	6.0	D	3,458	21.9
Waste and scrap materials	5,686	D	4,633	44.9	D	1,099	16.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,119	D	722	9.2	D	2,187	23.5
All other carloads	35,922	D	1,867	4.9	D	10.668	22.9
LCL traffic	161	D	19	10.6	D	49	23.3
Total Cars Loaded	272,286	D	115,914	29.9	D	60,472	18.2
Corresponding week of 1981	388,200						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (28 weeks)	10,298,757	11,559,484	D 10.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
27 Weeks cumulative	431.4	475.6	D 9.3
Week ended July 10	11.9	15.8	D 24.6
28 Weeks cumulative	443.3	491.4	D 9.8

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